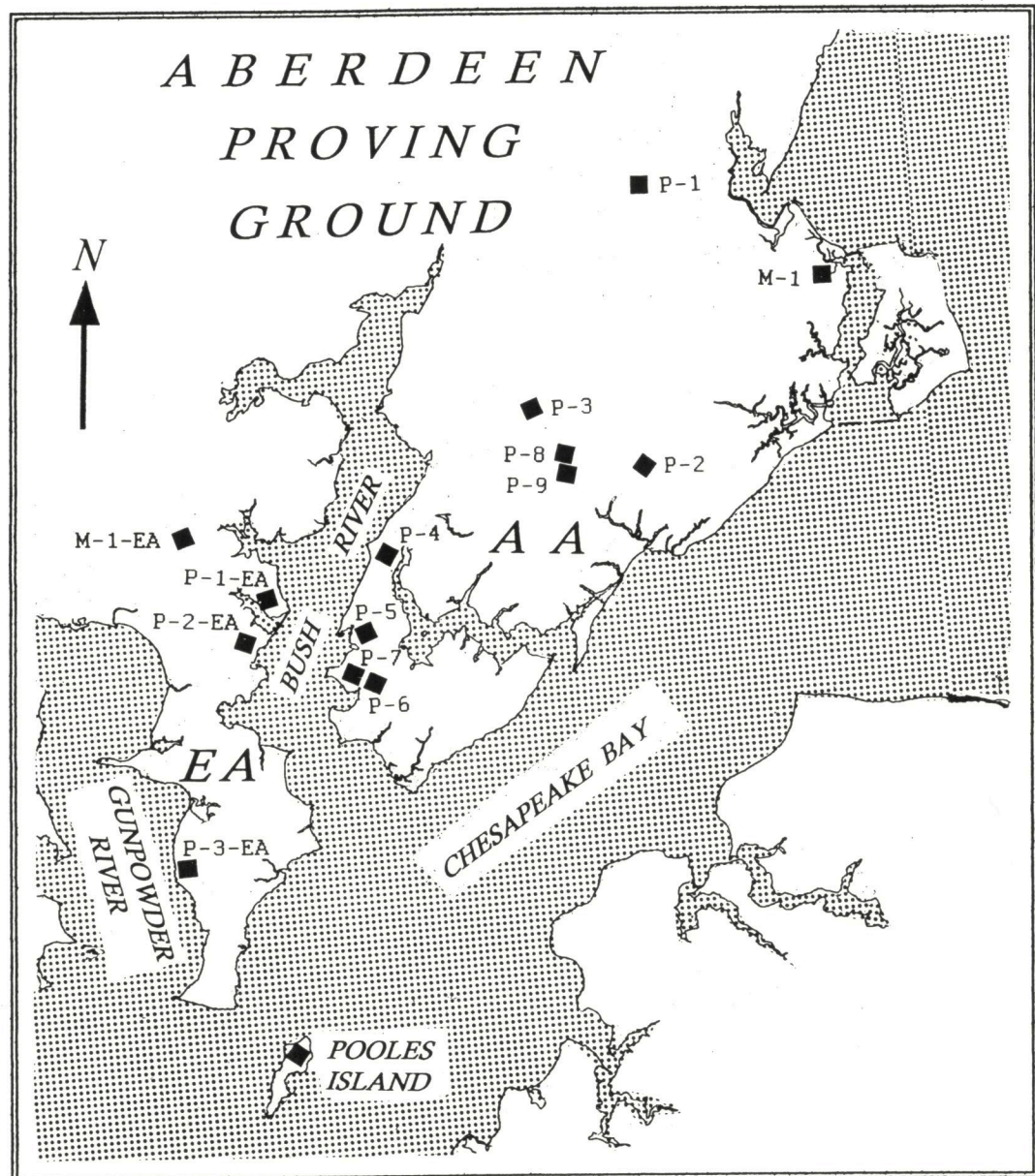


ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND
MARYLAND

MILITARY AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES

VICINITY MAP



Scale: 0 3 Miles

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THE CEMETERIES

The lands which comprise Aberdeen Proving Ground lie in the Coastal Plain, and the easy terrain and access to navigable waterways probably led to the early settlement of this area.

The private (P) cemeteries, associated with local churches and chapels or family burying grounds, may have begun as early as the late 1600's and ceased about 1917, as the privately held properties, mostly farms, were purchased by the government.

About 1917, shortly after the establishment of Edgewood Arsenal and Fort Hoyle, which itself was merged into Edgewood Arsenal, and Aberdeen Proving Ground, and since 1971 collectively known as Aberdeen Proving Ground, the military (M) cemeteries were begun.

Each cemetery has been photographed and transcribed in it's entirety, and the compilation includes an ordered listing of all grave markers found in the cemetery, with a transcription of all of the writing found on each grave marker.

An arbitrary grid system was established to assist in defining locations in each cemetery. Generally, row 1 is either that line of stones (grave markers) nearest the entrance or the closest row when facing the stones with the text legible. Markers that are generally aligned, whether headstone, footstone, or unidentified as to either, are considered to be in the same row. Marker positions are generally relative to each other, and corresponding marker positions in different rows are generally aligned, one behind the other. In the compilation that follows, the grave marker locations are indicated as first by row, and then by relative position within that row, within the context of the arbitrary grid system.

In the military cemeteries only, a substantial number of grave markers have an identifying number inscribed on the reverse of the stone. These numbers have been recorded, and appear on the photographs, handwritten on a card that is placed to the side of the marker. Grave markers without an identifying number on the reverse are indicated with a horizontal bar on the card visible in the photograph.